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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William Hilleary House

AND/OR COMMON

Magruder House or Old Stone House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4703 Annapolis Road

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bladensburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Fifth

STATE

Maryland

CODE  
024

COUNTY

Prince George's

CODE  
033**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** cc; Byron Sedgwick, Director  
Public Affairs

NAME

State Highway Administration c/o Mr. Robert Bennett

after July 1,  
contact Richard  
Funk

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Office of Real Estate Management, 300 West Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21201

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Prince George's County Courthouse

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1936

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington,

STATE

D.C.

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Stone House or the William Hilleary house at Bladensburg, Prince George's County, Maryland is located within the State Highway right-of-way on the west side of Maryland Route 201 where it passes over Maryland Route 450. The south-bound access road onto Route 201 passes to the west and south of the house. The house faces north and is one-and-one-half stories high on this side. The south or rear is two-and-one-half stories high. The land slopes from north to south.

The stone walls of the house, built circa 1742-1746 were at sometime stuccoed and scored to resemble ashlar masonry. Some of the stucco is now coming loose, exposing the broken sandstone construction. The north and south slopes of the gambrel roof are each pierced by three evenly spaced gable dormers with six-over-six-light windows. A foot square solid timber which appears to be the wall plate/cornice is exposed beneath the eaves. It is decorated with curved molding on the projecting underside where it joins the walls. The north wall conceals one interior chimney, while at the opposite end of the house is an exterior chimney. There are very small windows on each side of both chimneys at the peak of the roof.

The main entrance is centered on the five-bay north facade. On either side of it are two evenly spaced nine-over-nine-light sash windows. Four small basement windows are beneath these at ground level. The walls of the house, at the doorway, are curved inward, toward the doorway, decreasing their thickness. The wide door has six panels--two tall panels at the top and bottom and two square ones in the center. A modern doorway has been placed in the southeast corner of the house for outside access to the first floor kitchen. It has a small stoop and stairway leading to the rear ground level. The windows at the first floor level on the south side of the house are unevenly spaced as are the doors and windows on the ground level. All the openings at ground level have vaulted lintels of brick. Near the west end there is a door with a six-over-six window on each side of it. At the opposite end of the rear wall is a double-width door and one window of four lights.

All the windows on the first floor have or have had inside shutters. Some of the window glass is old. All the ceilings on the first floor are twelve feet high. The floors are pine. They appear to be sturdy. The interior walls are of masonry. The wood framing in the attic and under the floor where visible appears to be oak.

The floor plan is similar on all three floors being that of a center hallway, with a room on either side of it at the front of the house. The hall terminates in the southwest room at the rear of the house on the first floor and in the cellar. The main entrance door (north facade) is panelled both inside and outside. It is extremely wide and has HL hinges. It is set in a conventional frame on the top and west side. The east side has no trim on the frame, being set flush with the east wall of the hallway. The door and window casings are about six inches wide. Only one

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front porch. The interior walls are very thick. There are two small four-light windows at ground level in each room on the north. There are three windows on the south side, the one in the southeast room is smaller than the two in the west room. There is an outside door in the southwest room and a new double one in the southeast room. This latter doorway has a hex sign made in flatheaded nails--a swastika inside a circle. The age and origin of this design are not known. All these exterior openings have arched lintels. The southwest room has a large fireplace on the west wall which still has the cooking crane in place. There is a low door between the two south rooms with door casing and frame fastened with wooden pegs. On the east wall there is a supporting arch beneath the chimney. The northeast room is connected to the southeast room by a pointed-arched doorway. There is a supporting arch on the east wall for the chimney above. The northwest room is connected to the southwest room by a low doorway. The furnace is now located in front of the supporting arch for the chimney across the southwest corner. The south wall has a shallow unglazed window which opens into the southwest room. The wood in the staircase area in the northeast corner of the room is exposed and unfinished. There is a low door on the north wall which enters a room under the front porch which has stone walls and a vaulted ceiling of brick.

The stairway enters the upstairs center hall on the west side. A balustrade defines the open edges of the hall floor. The handrail and spindles are of the same pattern as on the first floor, and the corner and end posts are turned in a similar pattern to the spindles but are larger. There is one dormer window in the north end of the hall and another in the south end which has been divided off as a bathroom. The floors are wide pine boards.

The hall doors to the three bedrooms all appear to be old. They are four-panelled and have large HL hinges. There have been fireplaces in the southwest and northeast rooms which are now covered. The southwest room has a cupboard built into its north wall. The door is panelled and has HL hinges. The doorway beside this cupboard leads to a tiny hall room that gives entry to the attic staircase. The doors and walls in this hall room are wide, vertical, beaded boards. The stair twists tightly against the chimney to the attic. The attic floor is wide planks. The roof is supported by trusses consisting of pinioned rafters with collar beams and queen posts. There is no ridge pole.

The description of this house in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax list in-

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cludes one stone dwelling house, one story and a half high, 43' x 30', with seven windows 5'3" x 2'4" and six other windows; one log wash house, 26' x 20'; one frame milk house, 16' square; one stone meat house, 16' x 10'; one hen house; and one framed stable with shed, 10'x12'. None of the outbuildings remain.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES **1742-1746**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Located on the historic Bladensburg-Annapolis Road and within two blocks of the old road to Baltimore (now U.S. #1), this house is the only 18-century stone, gambrel-roofed house in Prince George's County. The central location of this property apparently made it very popular with the medical profession. Five doctors have lived here.

In 1742 William Hilleary purchased Lot #32 from the Bladensburg Town Commissioners. The Town Record Book in 1746 states that Hilleary had complied with the law in building his house with a minimum of 400 square feet and a masonry chimney.<sup>1</sup> In 1764 Hilleary sold the property to Richard Henderson.<sup>2</sup> Henderson termed this building his "...mansion house..." with Lots 32, 33 and 34, when he sold it to Dr. David Ross in 1793.<sup>3</sup> Henderson was a prominent merchant and land speculator, had served as a County Justice and was well-known for his "paper wars" in the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser with Levi Gantt and Alexander Clagett.<sup>4</sup> George Washington's diary, May 9, 1787, states that he dined at Richard Henderson's in Bladensburgh.<sup>5</sup> Henderson and Ross were not only business partners in the Frederick Forge on Antietam Creek and neighbors in Bladensburg, but had married sisters, the daughters of John Brice who was Chief Justice of the Province.<sup>6</sup> Dr. David Ross, a surgeon and merchant, was the "Agent Victualer" for the Maryland troops during the French and Indian War. He was an original inhabitant of Bladensburg, had served as a Town Commissioner, and from 1750 to 1759 had been a Justice of the County Court.<sup>7</sup>

Owners or occupants during the 19th century include names which also have been prominent in Prince George's County: Dr. Alexander Mitchell, Leonard M. Deakins, Dr. William Draine, Dr. Benjamin Day and Dr. Archibald Magruder.<sup>8</sup>

In August, 1814 the invading British troops would necessarily have passed this house. Unproven stories, yet very probably because of the proximity of the house to the battlefield, relate that the only American civilian resistance offered at Bladensburg came from this house. Later that day, after the battle, the house was used for a hospital.

The house had always been used as a residence and kept in good repair until it was taken by the State Highway Administration in 1954. Since that time, it has been used as an antique shop.

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old interior door is in place on the first floor but hinge marks show on all the door casings. There is no ceiling molding in the hallway. Some old chair rail, about nine inches wide, remains. There is plaster below the railing. The stair is partly enclosed, the bottom and top are open. The steps twist. There is balustrade at the bottom of the stairs, across the hallway window at first floor level and at the landing area on the second floor. The newel post and the spindles are turned.

The northeast room has two windows on the north wall with inside shutters in place with ring pulls and butterfly hinges. The exposed surfaces of the shutters are three-panelled, with a small square panel in the center. There is no ceiling molding in this room. The door and window trim matches that in the hallway. Beneath each window is a single-panel, about 14 inches deep, and a window seat. The wall beneath the seat is plastered. The fireplace in this room is in working condition. It has a modern facing and a mantel of cut gray stone.

The southeast room has been partitioned with a wood wall to create space at the extreme east end of the room for a modern kitchen. One window on the south wall has inside shutters and a window seat. The shutters on this window do not match the others in the house. This room is connected to the southwest room by a wide, plain, flat-topped archway. The southwest room is the largest in the house. The woodwork, which appears to be very old, has been removed, cleaned chemically and replaced. A fireplace is centered on the west wall and has a closet on either side. These closets or cupboards have doors flush with the wall--no evidence of trim is readily visible. The mantel shelf is plain with a simple curved molding beneath it. The trim on the front of the fireplace is plain wood panelling. The plaster ceiling molding is multi-curved, about ten inches wide. The chair rail, window and doorway trim, shutters and window seats are similar to those in the northeast room. The northwest room, known as "the doctor's office," is a very small room behind the main staircase. There is a small fireplace across the southwest corner of the room which is covered over. Some chair rail remains in place. There is one window on the north wall, with window seat, and the shutters have been covered over. The window has some old glass, with "Rosa" etched on one pane. The door is panelled, has most of an old lock and hugh HL hinges. There are two wall paintings, about 18 inches square of undetermined age.

The cellar is divided into four rooms and has a concrete floor. All the walls and the ceiling are plastered over except in the area under the

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Footnotes)**

1

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2

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3

Deed Liber JRM#10, folio 69, Prince George's County Land Records, Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

4

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5

Diaries of George Washington, edited by John C. Fitzpatrick, Boston and New York 1925, v. 3, p. 215.

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Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland  
Federal Tax Assessment, 1798, Particular List of Dwelling Houses,  
Oxon, New

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .07 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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NAME / TITLE

Margaret W. Cook and Ruth Lockard, Members

ORGANIZATION Prince George's County Committee of  
the Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April 1977

STREET & NUMBER

5621 Delaware Drive

TELEPHONE

(301) 839-3638

CITY OR TOWN

Oxon Hill,

STATE

Maryland

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL      STATE      LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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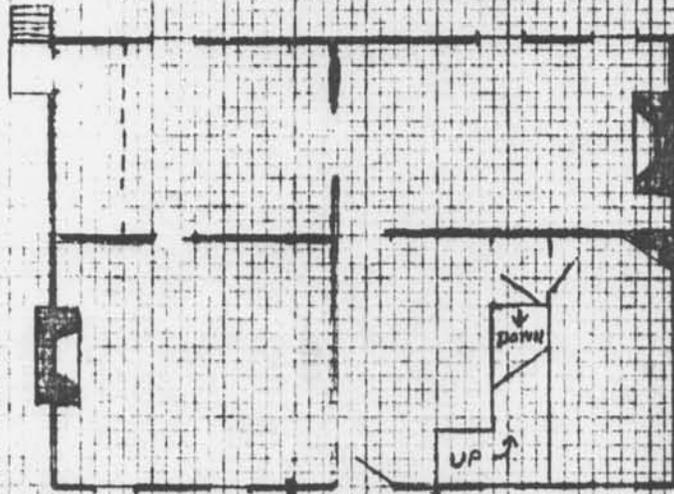
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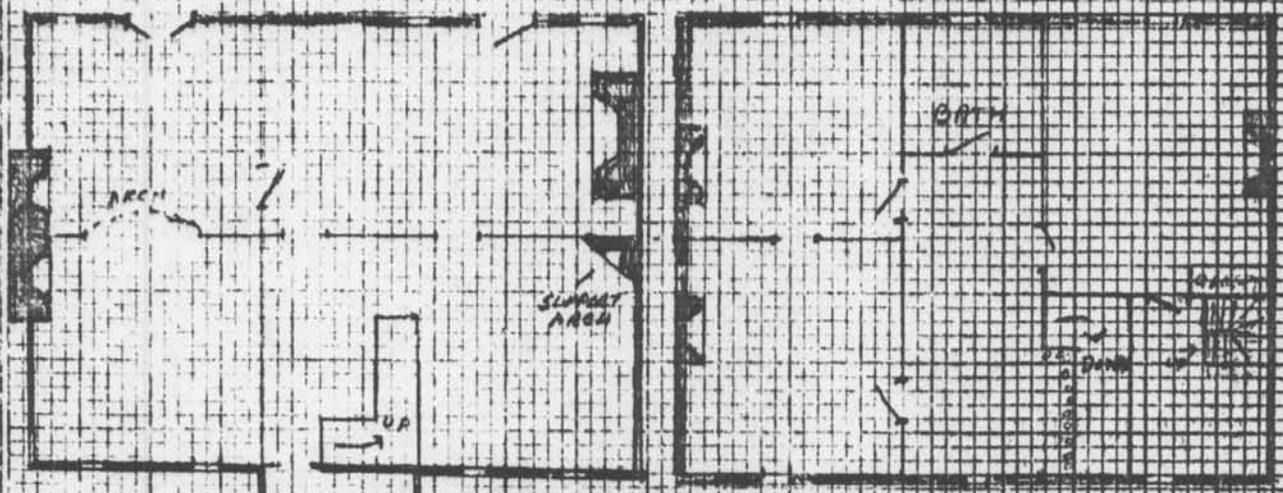
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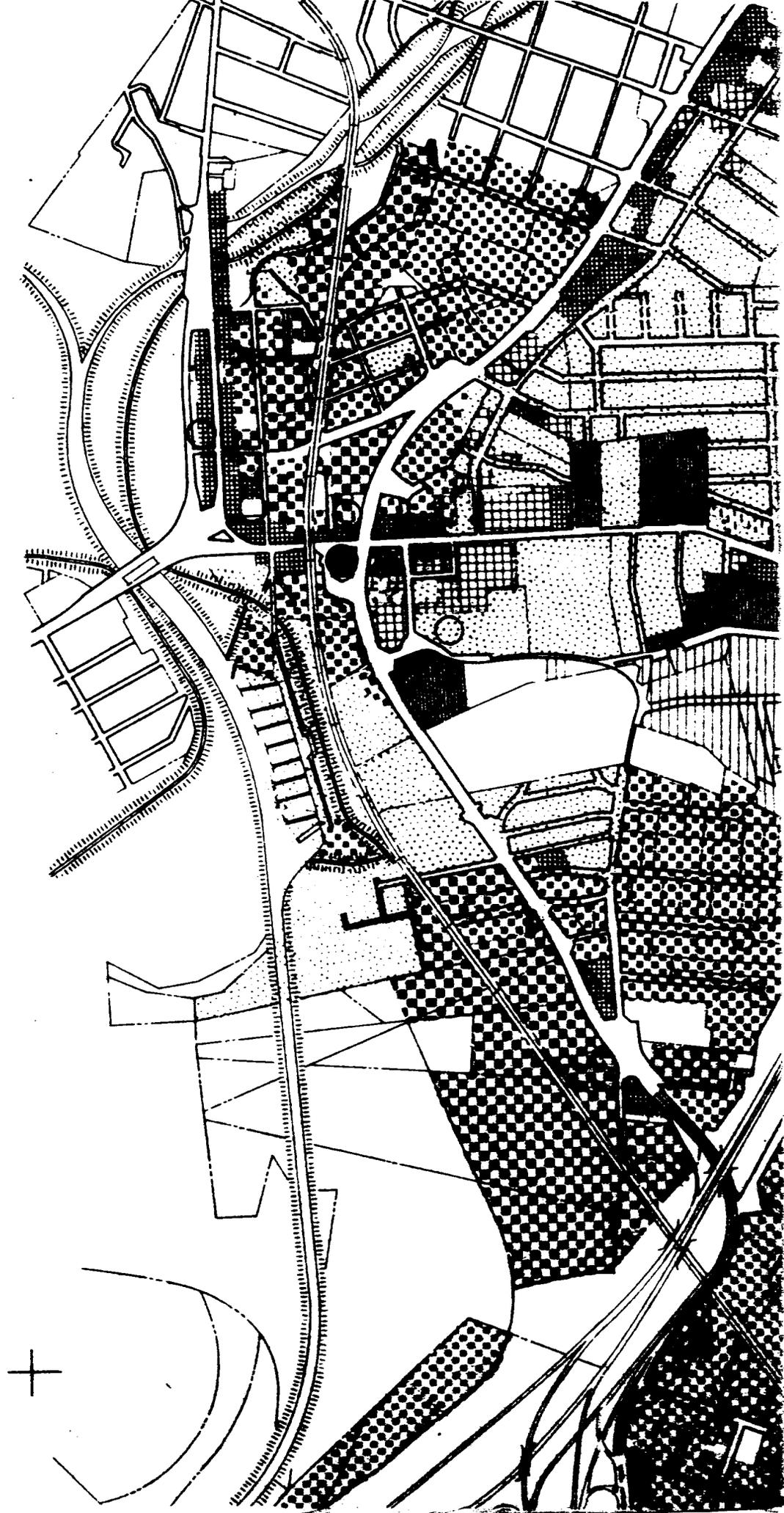
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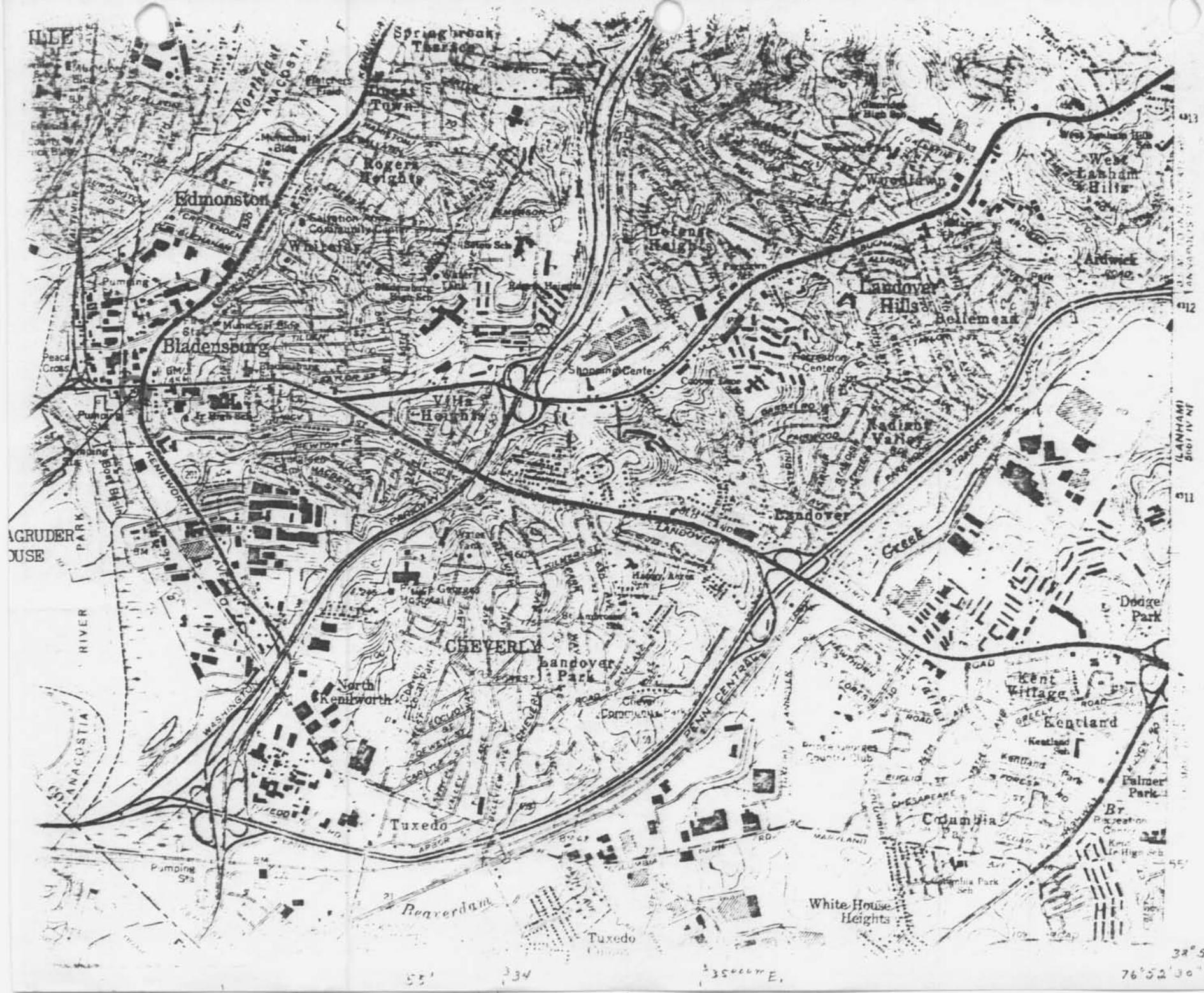
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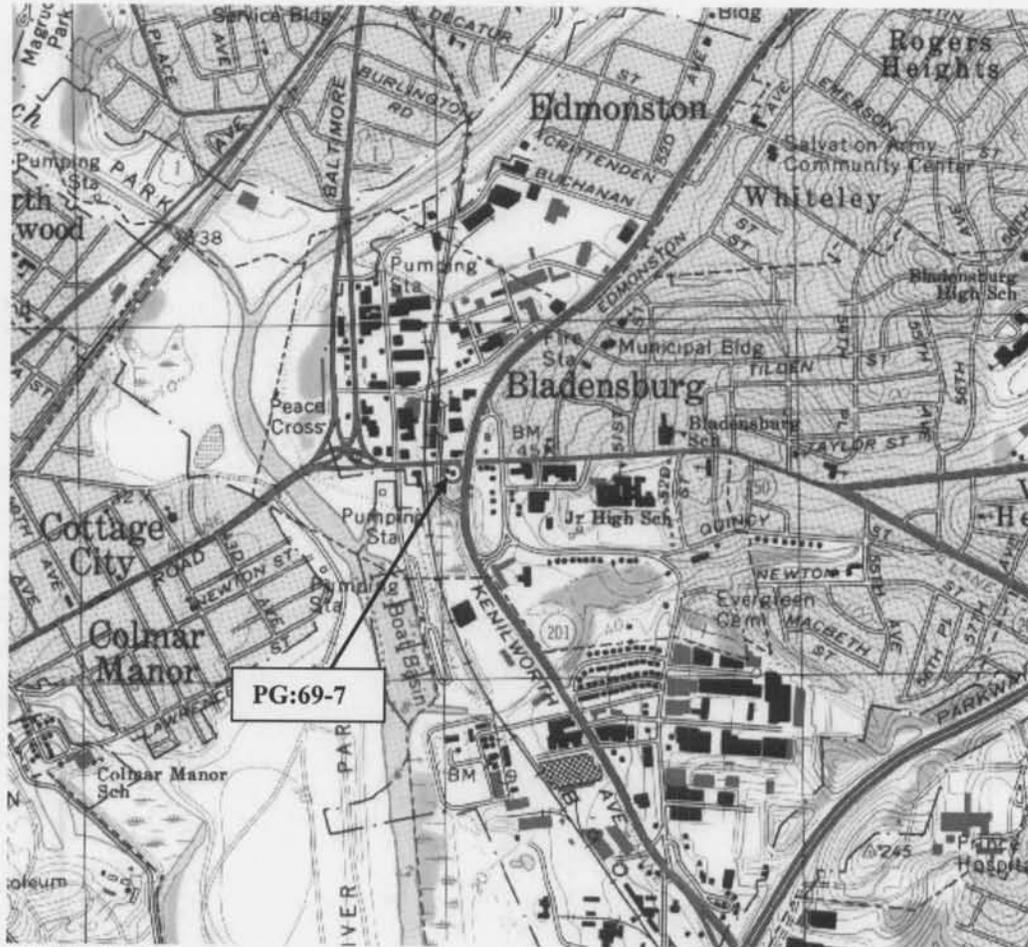
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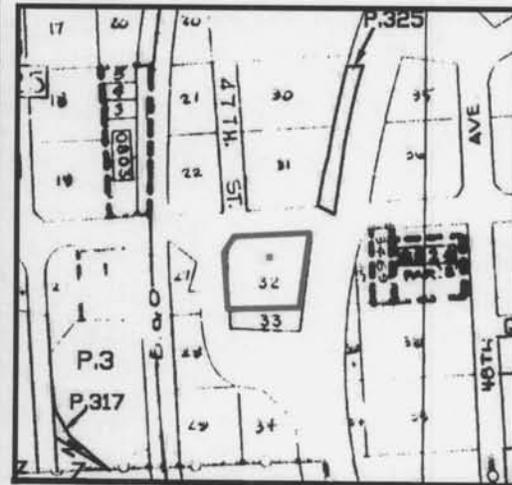
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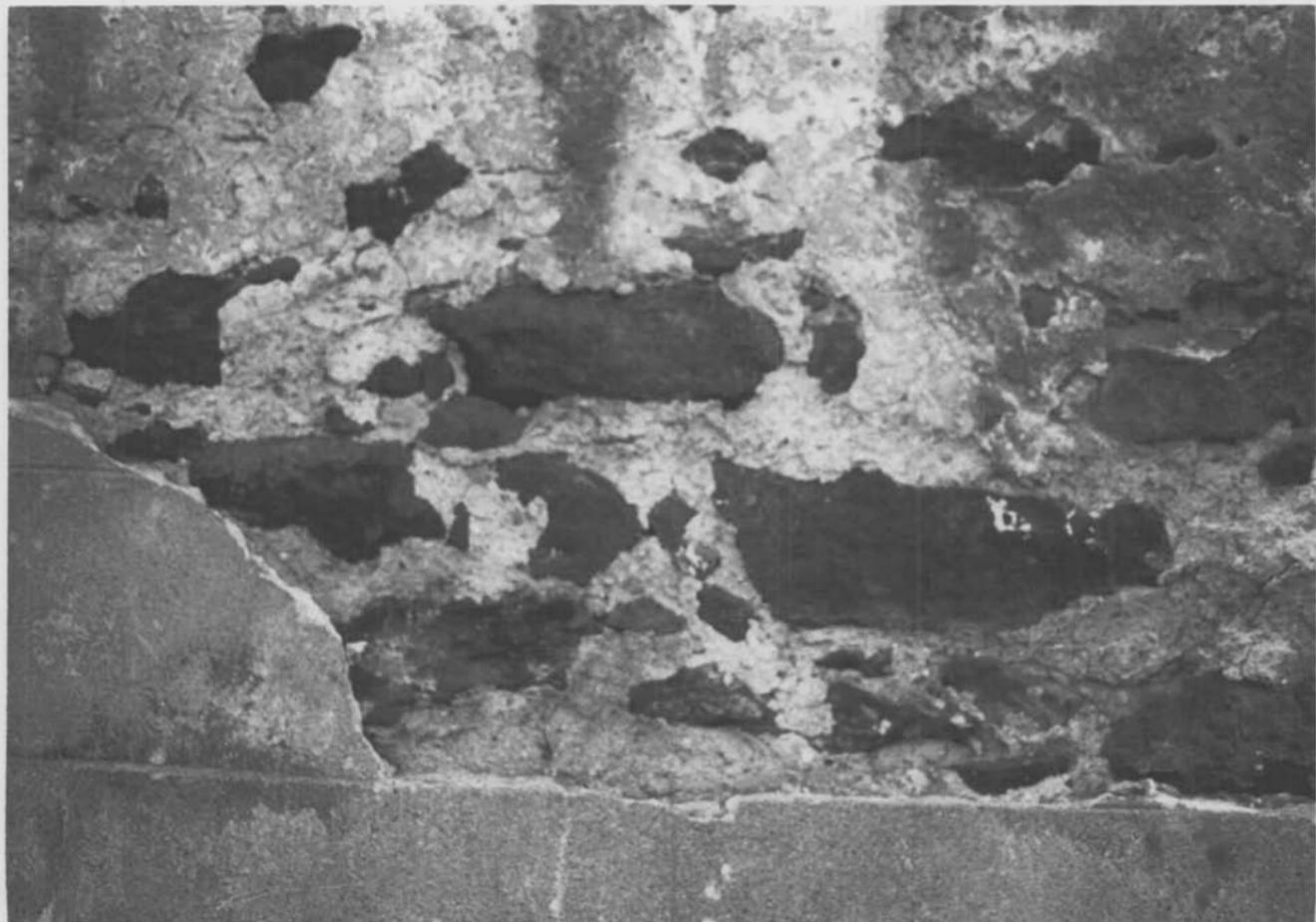
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